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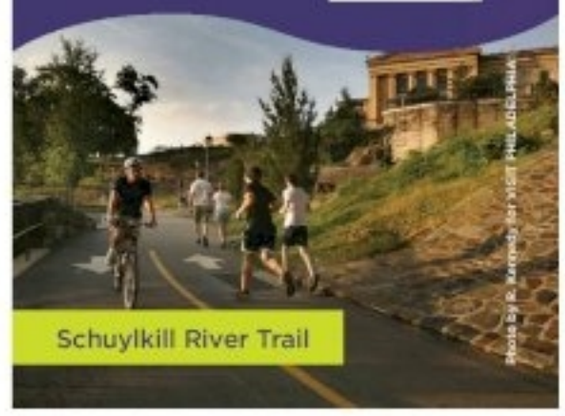

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Photo of drowned migrants at border draws global attention

Oscar Alberto Martinez and 2-year-old daughter Valeria died traveling from El Salvador.

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A harrowing photo of a man and his young daughter who drowned on the U.S.-Mexico border has brought global attention to the dangers for a wave of mostly Latin American migrants traveling north, with Pope Francis on Wednesday expressing "immense sadness" at the deaths.

The picture of Oscar Alberto Martinez and his 24-month-old daughter Valeria has gone viral on social media and sparked renewed debate about the plight of refugees and migrants who are mostly from Central America. The pair had traveled from their home country of El Salvador and were seeking asylum in the United States.

The photo shows them facedown in the reeds on the bank of the Rio Grande River. The father had apparently stretched his T-shirt over her to form a makeshift baby sling, and their heads are nestled together. Her red shorts bulge with a waterlogged diaper.

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The Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, put the picture on its front page.

"The pope is profoundly saddened by their deaths, and is praying for them and for all migrants who have lost their lives while seeking to flee war and misery."

The portrait has galvanized attention toward record numbers of Central American migrants reaching the United States this year despite a crackdown by the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump. Many flee their homes in Central America to escape high levels of criminal violence.

Trump, speaking at the evangelical Christian Faith and Freedom Coalition on Wednesday, said the problem at the border "could be fixed instantaneously" if Democratic lawmakers would work with him on fixing immigration laws.

"We cannot tolerate the endangerment, abuse or smuggling of children and the only way to really stop it is to change the law and the Democrats can do that immediately."

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The U.N. refugee agency UNHCR compared the photograph to the picture of refugee child Alan Kurdi whose body washed up on a beach in Turkey in 2015.

Kurdi was part of a Syrian refugee wave that caused panic in Europe, prompting Turkey to effectively shut down the migrant route through Greece at the European Union's behest.

Since then, many countries have erected barriers to migrants and some, like the European Union and the United States, have pressured their neighbors to cut the numbers of people trying to make the journey.

The picture symbolizes the failure to deal with the desperation of migrant seekers, the U.N. refugee agency said.

U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi said they had risked their lives because they could not get the protection they were entitled to under international law.

"The deaths of Oscar and Valeria represent a failure to address the violence and desperation pushing people to take journeys of danger for the prospect of a life in safety and dignity," he said in the statement. REUTERS

Brazil airman in Spain coke bust before prez stopover

2 Spanish police have arrested a member of the Brazilian Air Force who carried three bags full of cocaine on a military plane to Seville hours before President Jair Bolsonaro's was scheduled to take a stopover there, police and officials said on Wednesday. The Brazilian Air Force said in a statement the airman was arrested on suspicion of drug trafficking and the case was also being investigated by the country's military police. A Spanish police source told Reuters officers discovered 86 pounds of the drug in three pieces of luggage, which they checked on Tuesday while the plane was waiting to continue its journey to Tokyo. The suspect was supporting Bolsonaro's trip to Japan for this week's G20 meeting, Vice President Hamilton Mourao told journalists in Brasilia. The airman had been assigned to remain in Spain and embark on the president's plane for the final leg of his return trip. REUTERS

House panel votes to subpoena Conway

3 The U.S. House of Representatives Oversight Committee voted 25-16 on Wednesday to subpoena testimony from White House senior adviser Kellyanne Conway after she failed to appear at a hearing about her alleged violations of the Hatch Act, a law that limits federal employees' political activity. The Office of Special Counsel (OSC), a U.S. government watchdog agency, earlier this month recommended Conway be fired for repeatedly violating the Hatch Act by disparaging Democratic presidential candidates while speaking in her official capacity during television interviews and on social media. Consistent with a pattern of stonewalling numerous congressional investigations of President Donald Trump, his administration and business interests, the White House has asserted that Conway did not need to testify to the committee. REUTERS

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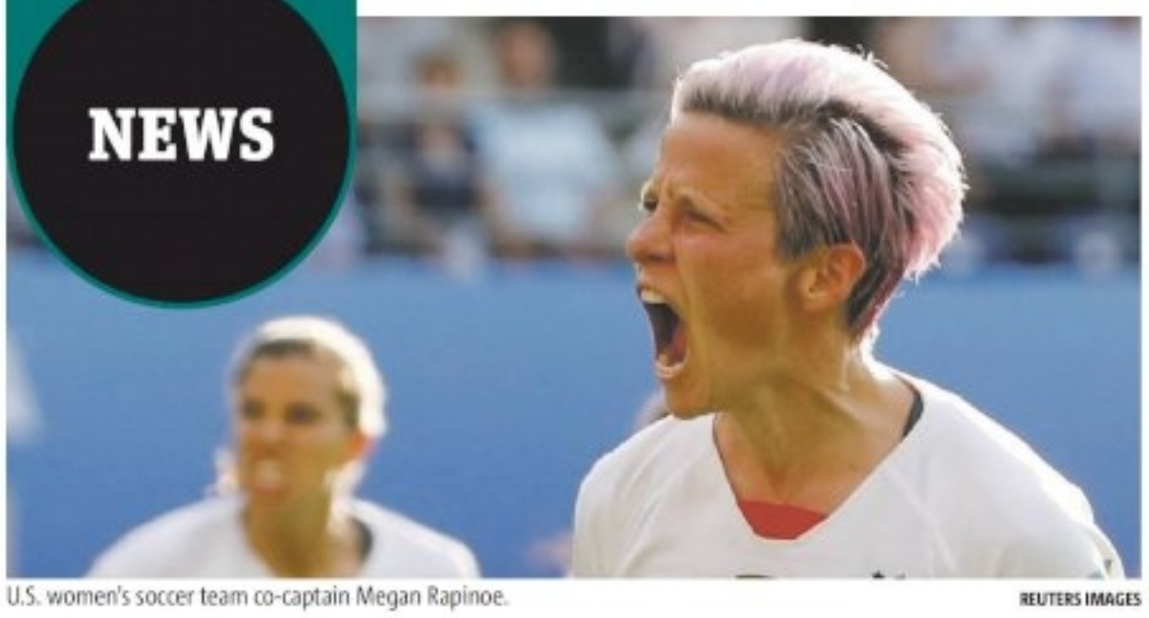

U.S. women's soccer team co-captain Megan Rapinoe. REUTERS IMAGES

Trump slams Rapinoe for spurning potential White House invite

"We haven't yet invited Megan or the team," the president tweeted.

President Donald Trump took to Twitter on Wednesday to criticize U.S. women's soccer team co-captain Megan Rapinoe for saying she would not visit the White House if the team won the World Cup.

Defending champions the United States face hosts France in the quarterfinals on Friday.

"Psssh, I'm not going to the f—ing White House," Rapinoe said in response to a question by a reporter from soccer magazine Eight by Eight when asked if she was excited about a potential White House invite.

In a video of the exchange that has since been posted on social media, Rapinoe, 33, adds, "No. I'm not going to the White House. We're not going to be invited. I doubt it."

Trump responded in a series of tweets later on Wednesday.

"Women's soccer player, @mPinoe, just stated that she is 'not going to the F...ing White House if we win,'" he said.

"I am a big fan of the American Team, and Women's Soccer, but Megan should WIN first before she TALKS! Finish the job! We haven't yet invited Megan or the team, but I am now inviting the TEAM, win or lose.

"Megan should never disrespect our Country, the White House, or our Flag, especially since so much has been done for her & the team. Be proud of the Flag that you wear. The USA is doing GREAT!"

Rapinoe was one of the first American athletes to join former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick's protest against police brutality by kneeling during the national anthem.

Trump's latest tirade follows his cancellation of a White House invitation to Super Bowl champions the Philadelphia Eagles last year in the wake of the Kaepernick protests.

The president said at the time that he had withdrawn his invitation to the Eagles after the team disagreed with his insistence on players being made to stand for the national anthem.

He also decided not to extend a White House invitation to either of last year's NBA finalists, the Cleveland Cavaliers and Golden State Warriors, after the Cavaliers' LeBron James and Warriors' Stephen Curry said they would skip the visit.

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U.S. President Trump speaks at Faith and Freedom Coalition's "Road to Majority" conference in Washington.

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A massive fire burns at Philadelphia Energy Solutions Inc.'s oil refinery in this still image from video, June 21, 2019.
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After fire, Philadelphia Energy Solutions to close oil refinery

Friday's massive fire caused extreme damage to the facility.

Philadelphia Energy Solutions (PES) will seek to permanently shut its oil refinery in the city after a massive fire caused substantial damage to the complex, the company confirmed on Wednesday, a day after sources told Reuters about the plans.

"The recent fire at the refinery complex has made it impossible for us to continue operations. We are grateful that the fire resulted in only a few minor injuries," PES CEO Mark Smith said in a statement. "We are committed to an orderly process to safely wind down our operations."

Shutting the refinery, the largest and oldest on the U.S. East Coast, will cost hundreds of jobs and squeeze gasoline supplies in the busiest, most densely populated corridor of the United States. Smith, in his statement, said the company will "position the refinery complex for a sale and restart," though such a process would probably take years and face community opposition.

Workers at the complex were leaving the refinery on Wednesday, some escorted by security, others alone, carrying boxes with personal belongings to their cars, with several confirming they had been laid off. Employees have been instructed to immediately begin the process of mothballing units, sources familiar with the company's plans said.

"I was stunned [when] I found out," said Wayne Flood, a refinery worker who was let go Wednesday. He did not say what his job was before getting into his car.

About 100 non-union employees will be laid off immediately, with a "significant" number of the 700 union employees expected to lose their jobs in mid-July, the sources said.

"I'm extremely disappointed for the more than 1,000 workers who will be immediately impacted by this closure, as well as other businesses that are dependent on the refinery operations," Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney said in a statement.

The 335,000 barrel-per-day (bpd) complex, in a densely populated area in the southern part of the city, erupted in flames early on Friday in a series of explosions that could be heard miles away.

"The impact of the closure will be a massive blow to the local economy," said Ryan O'Callaghan, head of the refinery's union, estimating that it would cost tens of thousands of

The Philadelphia Energy Solutions oil refinery is seen at sunset.

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Other refineries have taken years to restart after suffering substantial damage to processing capabilities. A much smaller refinery in Superior, Wisconsin, closed last year due to a fire and is not expected to restart at full production until 2021.

"The impact of the closure will be a massive blow to the local economy."
Ryan O'Callaghan, head of the refinery's union

The cause of the fire remained unknown, though city fire officials said it started in a butane vat at about 4 a.m. ET. It destroyed a 30,000-bpd alkylation unit that uses hydrofluoric acid to process refined products. Had the acid caught fire, it could have resulted in a vapor cloud that can damage the skin, eyes and lungs of nearby residents.

The refinery had struggled financially for years, forced to slash worker benefits and scale back capital projects to save cash. After a period of prosperity built on bringing in discounted crude oil via rail from North Dakota, the refinery fell on hard times, even as then-owner Carlyle Group paid itself nearly $600 million in dividend-style distributions.

It went through a bankruptcy process last year to reduce debt, but cash on hand dwindled even after it emerged from bankruptcy last summer.

In January, PES dramatically scaled back a large maintenance project in the section where the explosion occurred last week, sources familiar with the plant's operations told Reuters

After bankruptcy, Credit Suisse Asset Management and Bardin Hill became the controlling owners, with former primary owners Carlyle Group and Sunoco Logistics, an Energy Transfer subsidiary, holding a minority stake.

The blaze was the second in two weeks at the complex, spurring the mayor to call for a task force to look into the cause and community outreach in the wake of the incidents. That task force will now be retooled to focus on helping the company transition the site of the refinery and supporting employees affected, Kenney said in his statement.

Investigators on the scene are dealing with unstable structures that need to be certified by engineers, slowing down the inquiry, city officials said. The investigation could ultimately take months or perhaps years, they said.

In addition, the company halted the restart of its gasoline-making unit at the other section of the refinery complex, the Point Breeze section, the sources said. That unit had been closed after a June 10 pump fire, where nobody was injured. REUTERS

A Philadelphia Fire Department truck attends a massive fire at Philadelphia Energy Solutions Inc.'s oil refinery in Philadelphia.

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Wayfair employees protest sale of beds to migrant detention centers for children. ALL GETTY IMAGES

Wayfair workers protest sale to immigrant camp

Both AOC and Elizabeth Warren supported the demonstration.

Several hundred people, including employees of Wayfair Inc., rallied in Boston on Wednesday to protest the online retailer's sale of furniture for a Texas detention facility housing migrant children.

It was the latest outpouring of anger over Republican President Donald Trump's efforts to crack down on illegal immigration. The protest drew the support of high-profile Democrats including U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, a presidential candidate.

Wayfair employees walked off the job at 1:30 p.m. to protest an order for more than $200,000 of bedroom furniture destined for a facility in Carrizo Springs, Texas, that would house migrant children seeking asylum. After about an hour, many in the crowd drifted away from the rally.

Employees have cited an internal document on the sale. A posting on Twitter, on @wayfairwalkout, said that 547 employees had signed a petition demanding that Wayfair halt all business with border camps. "CEO said no," the tweet said.

They demanded that Wayfair stop selling to migrant detention camps and that it give profits of the sale, which they claim amount to $86,000, to a Texas-based nonprofit agency offering legal services to immigrants.

"There is more to life than profit," said Tom Brown, a 33-year-old engineer at Wayfair. "What is right is not cut and dry."

Wayfair did not respond to multiple requests for comment. It has made no public comment and has not denied the sale.

The company on Wednesday emailed employees to say it was making a $100,000 donation to the American Red Cross, according to an online posting by protest organizers and by employees attending the protest who received the email.

"That was not what we asked for," said Madeline Howard, 29, a Wayfair product manager.

Some in the crowd carried signs with messages including "a cage is not a home" and "a prison with a bed is still a prison."

Wayfair management rejected the petition's demands in an internal memo on Tuesday, according to the Boston Globe.

"We also believe in the importance of respecting diversity of thought within our organization and across our customer base," the unsigned letter read, according to the newspaper. "No matter how strongly any one of us feels about an issue, it is important to keep in mind that not all employees or customers agree."

Criticism has mounted this week over the detention of migrant children in overcrowded, squalid conditions. REUTERS

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U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell speaks to the news media. REUTERS IMAGES

Senate passes border aid bill, sends it to House

Lawmakers hope for bill passage before July 4 recess.

The U.S. Senate on Wednesday approved a $4.6 billion bill to address the migrant surge at the border with Mexico, setting up a negotiation with the House of Representatives and President Donald Trump over the funds and how they should be spent.

Trump on May 1 requested the aid for programs that house, feed, transport and oversee record numbers of Central American families seeking asylum in the United States and straining capacity at migrant shelters in border cities.

The Republican president, who spoke with Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Wednesday, told reporters he believed Pelosi "wants to get something done." He was optimistic about a congressional solution to help U.S. officials at the border who say they are overwhelmed by the surge of migrants.

Congressional leaders have a choice between a bill from the Republican-controlled Senate and a more restrictive $4.5 billion bill passed by the Democratic-led House on Tuesday night. They also could strike a compromise and send that to Trump.

With U.S. officials saying they will run out of money for border agencies soon, leaders of both parties stressed that the need is great.

"We've got border patrol agents right now pulling money out of their own pockets to pay for diapers for these kids," Rep. Steve Scalise, the No. 2 House Republican, told reporters.

The House-passed bill contains health and nutrition standards for migrants in custody as well as other controls on U.S. immigration agencies following reports of poor conditions facing children at overcrowded facilities. Trump has threatened to veto that approach and the Senate rejected it on Tuesday.

The Senate then passed its own proposal, which has fewer restrictions than the House version, but includes money — left out by the House — to pay overtime for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) employees. It also includes $145 million to help the Defense Department cover costs for Pentagon operations at the border that Trump ordered.

The two chambers must resolve their differences before sending legislation to Trump to sign into law. This puts Pelosi in a tough position. She worked hard to convince many progressive Democrats to back the House bill, and some are not keen on the Senate version.

Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez dismissed the Senate's measure. "The Senate bill is not a humanitarian bill by any stretch of the imagination," she told reporters.

Pelosi called Trump on Wednesday to "try to reconcile" the House and Senate bills and they talked for 15 minutes, a senior Democratic aide said. Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said Pelosi suggested a few changes but Schumer did not outline them.

The Senate bill does not fund any additional ICE detention beds, and prohibits officials from using any of the appropriated funds for other purposes. REUTERS

SEX, LIES AND LAWMAKING

ANALYSIS

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Accusations of get-away weekends with secret lovers, embezzled money, and not-so-subtle winks at the idea of stealthy sex in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol. For sheer pot-boiler fun and delightful tawdriness, it's hard to beat the latest court documents filed against Republican Congressman Duncan Hunter.

Unwrapped this week like an overripe California roll, the reeking new accusations are being piled on the already steaming case against Hunter and his wife for allegedly embezzling campaign funds to support their lavish lifestyle. She's now cooperating with prosecutors. He's still denying any wrongdoing — saying this is the work of politically motivated prosecutors. But boy howdy, does the evidence seem extensive.

In short, the new filings claim the arch-conservative lawmaker from California had — count 'em — five affairs with five women, none of them being Mrs. Hunter, and all the trysts partially funded with campaign cash.

The state claims he took the same woman on a double date to Virginia Beach, where he dropped about $900; to a concert, where "Hunter spent $121 … on beer, nachos and wings"; and on a golf outing with "greens fees for two, 10 beers, an Adidas shirt and a visor." And it was all paid for, prosecutors contend, with campaign money.

Like I said, Hunter disputes it all, and he'll get a chance to disprove those claims if his case goes to trial this fall as expected. But until then, if you're looking for a hot summer read, the sordid tale of the allegedly wayward congressman is a scorcher.

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Aries Review your life. A robust set of ethics and morals will see you through any dilemma you face. Change can be useful if you take your time and think matters through.

Taurus Evaluate your eating and exercise habits, and make adjustments. Check out organizations in your community that can help you achieve your goals. Feeling good will improve your attitude and personal life.

Gemini Make a subtle change. Research the possibilities and consider what you can afford. Don't buy into a scam. Good results come with hard work and discipline.

Cancer Offer suggestions but don't take charge, or you will end up doing all the work while someone else takes the credit. Make it clear what you want, and don't undervalue your skills.

Leo Don't be too quick to get involved in an idea that sounds lucrative but risky. Put your energy toward a practical deal or a lifestyle change that will bring long-term benefits.

Virgo Spend time with someone who enjoys the same things you do. Whether at work or play, you'll accomplish far more by surrounding yourself with positive, like-minded people.

Libra Keep the momentum going until you reach your goal. Refuse to let someone's negativity or criticism cause you to give up. Follow your intuition, and trust and believe in yourself.

Scorpio Take care of small but essential details. If someone needs help, offer it without being judgmental. Anger won't help you solve a problem, while understanding and patience will.

Sagittarius Spend time with someone you enjoy being around. An adventure will take your mind off some of the tedious jobs that have been weighing you down. Make plans with a loved one.

Capricorn Nothing will go according to plan. Oversee everything that someone else is handling. If you look out for your interests, you will save money and time. An emotional matter will require patience.

Aquarius Participate in something that sounds like fun. Getting out with friends or reconnecting with someone from your past will help you put your life and goals in perspective.

Pisces With a little effort, you can tie up loose ends and feel good about what you've accomplished. Consider getting rid of old items and possessions that you no longer use. EUGENIA LAST

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SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

Philadelphia zip codes turn up silver for residents

Sealed Vault Bags full of heavy silver bars are actually being handed over to the first Pennsylvania residents who find their zip code listed in today's publication and call before the 48 hour order deadline ends to claim the bags full of valuable silver

NATIONWIDE – Operators at the National Silver Hotline are struggling to keep up with all the calls.

That's because Silver Vault Bags loaded with a small fortune of .999 pure Silver Bars are now being handed over to everyone who beats the 2-day order deadline.

"It's like a modern day Gold Rush. Pennsylvania residents will be hoarding all the silver bars they can get their hands on for the next 2 days. This comes as no surprise after the standard State Minimum set by the Federated Mint dropped 42%, going from $50 per bar to just $29 making these Silver Vault Bags a real steal," said Mary Ellen Withrow, the emeritus 40th Treasurer of the United States of America.

"As executive advisor to the private Federated Mint, I get paid to deliver breaking news. And here's the best part. This is great news for Pennsylvania residents because it's the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint," said Withrow.

The only thing residents need to do is find the first 3 digits of their zip code on the Distribution List printed in today's publication. If their zip code is on the list, they need to immediately call the National Silver Hotline before the 2-day order deadline ends.

Residents who do are cashing in on the record low State Minimum set by the Federated Mint. This is a real steal for residents because each Silver Vault Bag loaded with 10 Pennsylvania State Silver Bars is normally set at $500 which is the standard $50 per heavy half ounce bar State Minimum set by the Federated Mint. But here's the good news. Residents who call today get the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of just $290 for each Pennsylvania Silver Vault Bag which is just $29 per bar as long as they call the National Silver Hotline at; 1-866-874-7770 EXT. FMM1877

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■ **PENNSYLVANIA RESIDENTS CASH IN:** It's like a modern day Gold Rush. Everyone's scrambling to get their hands on the heavy, Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bags pictured above before they're all gone. That's because residents who find the first 3 digits of their zip code printed in today's publication are cashing in on the lowest ever State Minimum price set for the next 2 days by the Federated Mint.

▸ **Who gets the Silver Vault Bags:** Listed below are the U.S. zip codes that get the Silver Vault Bags. If you find the first 3 digits of your zip code immediately call: **1-866-874-7770 EXT. FMM1877**

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before the deadline ends.

Phone lines open at precisely 8:30 A.M. this morning and are expected to be flooded by Pennsylvania residents looking to cash in on the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint to date. That's why Philadelphia area residents who find their zip code on the distribution list today are being urged to call immediately.

Since this special advertising announcement can't stop dealers and collectors from hoarding all the new 2019 Edition Pennsylvania State Silver Bars they can get their hands on, the Federated Mint had to set a strict limit of three Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bags per resident – these are the bags everyone's trying to get because they contain 10 individual Silver Vault Bags each. Everyone who gets these will feel like they just hit the jackpot.

"Residents who want to cash in on the lowest ever State Minimum set by the private Federated Mint better hurry. That's because in 2 days, the State Minimum for these heavy half ounce Pennsylvania State Silver Bars returns to the normal State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of $50 per bar," Withrow said.

"We're bracing for all the calls and doing the best we can, but with just hours left before the deadline ends, residents lucky enough to find the first 3 digits of their zip code listed in today's publication need to immediately call the National Silver Hotline," Withrow said. ■

■ **SILVER HITS ROCK BOTTOM:** Everyone's scrambling to get the Silver Vault Bags each loaded with 10 solid .999 pure Silver State Bars before they are all gone. That's because the standard State Minimum set by the private Federated Mint dropped 42%, going from $50 per bar to just $29, which is a real steal.

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▸ **I keep calling and can't get through:** Keep trying. Right now everyone's looking to cash in on the lowest State Minimum ever set by the Federated Mint. In fact, tens of thousands of residents are expected to order up as many Silver Vault Bags as they can get their hands on before the deadline ends. That's because the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint has been slashed from $50 per heavy half ounce to just $29 for the next 2 days. And since each Silver Vault Bag contains 10 valuable State Silver Bars for just $290 nearly everyone is taking at least three bags before they're all gone. But all those who really want to cash in are taking the Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bags containing 100 State Silver Bars before the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint goes back up to $500 per Vault Bag. So if lines are busy keep trying.

▸ **How much are the Silver Vault Bags worth:** It's hard to tell how much these Silver Vault Bags could be worth since they are highly collectible, but those who get in on this now will be the really smart ones. That's because the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint goes back up to $500 per bag after the deadline ends. So you better believe that at just $290 the Silver Vault bags are a real steal for everyone who beats the deadline.

▸ **Can I buy one State Silver Bar:** Yes. But, the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of just $29 per bar applies only to residents who purchase a Silver Vault Bag(s). That means only those residents who order a Silver Vault Bag(s) or the heavy, Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bag(s) get the $29 per bar State Minimum set by the Federated Mint. All single bar purchases, orders placed after the 2-day deadline and all non-state residents must pay the standard $50 per heavy half ounce Bar State Minimum set by the Federated Mint.

▸ **Why is the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint so low now:** Thousands of U.S. residents stand to miss the deadline to get the silver at the lowest ever State Minimum set by the private Federated Mint. Now all residents who find the first 3 digits of their zip code on the Distribution List printed in today's publication are getting the Silver Vault Bags for themselves and all the solid .999 pure State Silver Bars found inside. The price for each Silver Vault Bag is normally set at $500 which is the standard $50 per bar State Minimum set by the Federated Mint, but residents who beat the 2-day deadline only cover the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of just $290 for each State Silver Vault Bag which is just $29 per bar as long as they call the National Silver Hotline before the deadline ends at: **1-866-874-7770 EXT. FMM1877**. Hotlines open at 8:30 A.M.

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Tracy Edwards on her game-changing *'Maiden'* voyage

The subject of a new documentary talks about leading the first all-female crew to sail around the world.

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The new documentary "Maiden," by Alex Holmes, follows the incredible true story of Tracy Edwards who, at 27 years old, was the skipper of the first all-female crew to complete the Whitbread Round the World yachting race. Edwards bought the ship, which the film is named after, in 1987 after spending years in the male-dominated industry and decided to fight for equality by sailing in the race between 1989 and 1990.

The film, opening this Friday, was pulled together from footage shot by crew members Jo Gooding and Tanja Visser and shows both the struggles the crew experienced at sea as well as the negative reactions from naysayers on land. We spoke with Edwards to see what it was like to relive her extraordinary story through this new film.

Before becoming the captain of your own ship, you had worked within the yachting business under numerous different positions — and for the most part, as the only female working onboard. What was the decision behind starting an all-female crew aboard the Maiden, and how was it met by the yachting community?

Basically, I looked at the world as it was, and I thought I didn't like the world as it was because I didn't fit into it in the way that I wanted to. So I'm going to have to create my own world and to do that I'm going to have to approach it myself. Because I wanted to be a navigator. I wanted an all-female crew. I knew we could do this because I had just done it! I didn't know what all the fuss was about. I thought, we'll do it. We'll prove we can do it, and we'll start to change things where we'll all get the jobs that we want on boats. I think as the project went on, I didn't quite realize the backlash against us was going to happen and the specific nature of the comments that we would provoke. It didn't have as much a big picture at all for all of us in that we realized we're not doing this just for us and what we want to achieve. This is way bigger. This is not just about sailing. The bad stuff just made us more determined.

I feel like a lot of people may not understand how grueling and difficult sailing around the world really is. Do you think the film did a good job of showing the obstacles you had to overcome?

I think what Alex has done so beautifully is the flow of the story. In a way, I didn't realize until I watched the film how we were developing throughout the film. It's impossible to capture completely what it's like down there unless you have a perfect sensory experience with the cold, the wet, the pain, and everything else. I think what he has done is he has taken amazing pieces of Jo's footage and really sewn them together. He wasn't there, but he gets it! I do think it does a good job of showing the

struggle that we went through.

In the film, you say that the ocean is always "actively trying to kill you." That was such an interesting way to look at it.

It's just a very sensible thing to keep in mind, because if you have that in your mind then you are very aware of the fact that it's not going to make friends with you. It's not going to react a certain way because you don't like it or you like it. It does what it does. It does its own thing. You have to come to terms with that and you have to understand that and respect that. It's a very honest part of your life.

It was so striking in the film that, even when you and your crew achieved such an amazing feat, sailing in your bathing suits elicited such a misogynist response from the press and other sailors in the race. That must have been infuriating.

I think that all of us wouldn't have done it if we hadn't won two legs [of the race]. We felt that we had won the right to wear whatever the hell we like. I have had younger women come up to me and say, "You should be proud of doing that because you've earned the right." I think any chauvinistic reaction we got from that was completely ignored. I think the stuff we did get annoyed about was the almost inability of some people to accept the fact that we had won legs and had done really well. We were like, what else do we have to do to prove this?

The film shows you drinking your first beer after completing the race and your facial expression is absolutely priceless. It looks like the most refreshing drink of all time. Do you remember that moment fondly?

Yeah [laughs]. We were very cheap dates because you couldn't drink alcohol on the boat. One beer and that's it, you're done for the evening. Everything is a heightened treasure when you go sailing. You do spend a lot of time thinking about food. We freeze-dried food on the boat, which is basically mush. You think about biting into an apple or crunching into something. I used to dream about glasses of milk. I would picture them cold with condensation running down the outside. We would torture ourselves with these images [laughs]. Of course, when you get in, often in life things aren't as great as you'd imagined. But of course, after spending six weeks at sea, you bite into an apple and it's everything you wanted it to be and you savor every moment!

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5 GADGETS AND APPS TO LEARN PLAYING MUSIC

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Learning to play a musical instrument takes years of practice, but with the help of technology you can achieve it much faster. Metro shows the latest gizmos for those looking to make first steps on their own.

SMART PIANO

This gadget combines a classic instrument and the advantages of tablets and smartphones. Smart Piano connects to smart devices and can read sheet music and MP3 files.

MI GUITAR

A simplified guitar or a more advanced version of "Guitar Hero." It is able to connect to your computer or mobile devices via Bluetooth to guide you on how to play your favorite songs.

ARTIPHON

This gadget can imitate guitar, piano, violin and several other instruments. Artiphon is the first MIDI controller that lets you strum, slide, tap and drum any sound on a single interface.

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Celebrate all things Philly and Independence Day during Wawa Welcome America

Check out free events across the city June 29 to July 4.

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Wawa Welcome America kicks off this week ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

As the birthplace of American independence, Philly knows how to celebrate Independence Day in style. This includes more than 50 events from June 29 to July 4 during the Wawa Welcome America festival. The festival gets better each year, with free events including museum days and outdoor concerts. Here's your guide to celebrating all things Philly and Independence Day throughout the next week.

THIS WEEKEND

Dessert lovers, this event is the one for you. Kick off the weekend with sweet treats and games during Philly Ice Cream Scoop (June 29, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at Reading Terminal Market (51 N 12th St.) More than 14 of the best ice cream makers will team up with merchants in the Market to create delicious ice cream specials. Admission is free, and food is pay as you go.

After eating all the ice cream you possibly can, head to the Free Library of Philadelphia (1901 Vine St.) for Free Museum Day at the library's

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Rare Book Department (June 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) As one of the largest collections of its kind in the United States, the Library's museum includes original illustrations by Beatrix Potter and one of the largest collections of Edgar Allen Poe books.

This Sunday evening has two amazing outdoor performances to choose from. See an outdoor screening of a film beloved by Philadelphians with one of its most famous filming locations in the background during Chase Presents Philly at the Movies: "Rocky" (June 30, 7 p.m.). The event in front of the Free Museum of Philadelphia (2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkway) kicks off at 7 p.m. with a Rocky and Creed lookalike contest. Since a night at the movies isn't complete without snacks, there will be free popcorn and Tastykakes.

Across town, get ready for a moving performance during Gospel on Independence (June 30, 7 p.m.) featuring more than 100 voices from the Philadelphia Men's Fellowship Choir and chorus members from churches across the city. Don't miss a special appearance from the "The Sisterly Love" choir during this concert under the stars at Independence Hall (520 Chestnut St.). Bring a blanket or chair to enjoy the show.

NEXT WEEK

It wouldn't be a festival sponsored by Wawa without their signature hoagies. See a sandwich building competition and get free hoagies during Wawa Hoagie Day (July 2, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.) complete with an 8-ton hoagie salute and music by the United States Army Field Band, all taking place in front of the Constitution Center (525 Arch St).

Keep the party going with a detour to Broadway during Kimmel Center's Great American Party on the Plaza (July 2, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.) The Kimmel Center (300 S Broad St.) is bringing festival-style entertainment to their grand hall, and a chance to see performances from the cast members of hit Broadway shows "Dear Evan Hansen" and "Mean Girls". Get ready for a special singalong show based on a certain musical about Alexander Hamilton's life during HamilTunes, performed by members of the Kimmel Center ShowStoppers education program.

A beloved tradition returns to the lawn in front of Independence Hall (520 Chestnut St.) during Philly POPS on Independence (July 3, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.). The Philly POPS Orchestra will perform a series of hits with special guest singer Susan Egan. The Tony-nominated singer and actress is known for her performances as Disney princesses Belle from "Beauty and the Beast" on Broadway, and Meg from "Hercules."

The Festival concludes with the Wawa Welcome America July 4th Concert & Fireworks (July 4, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.) on the Parkway. American Idol star Jennifer Hudson and Grammy winner Meghan Trainor are headlining the concert, with Hudson performing with the Philly POPS. The annual show ends with a dazzling fireworks display over the Art Museum, with a live soundtrack played by the United States Army Field Band on the Art Museum steps. Pack a picnic and grab a spot along the Parkway to watch the free concert and show, or go to the website to download limited free tickets for the seated section in Eakins Oval.

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Many travelers who squirrel away travel rewards are saving for an oceanfront vacation, paid for with points instead of cash. To make the most of your rewards, start by looking for the highest-value hotel redemptions, then check award flights. Here are four beach destinations where you could soak up the sun using points and miles.

Keep in mind that availability is limited, and award charts, redemptions, transfer options and deals can change. Remaining flexible is key to getting the most out of your points and miles. Remember, too, that if you're not careful, interest charges, late fees and careless spending on a rewards credit card could cost you more than you can save with your points.

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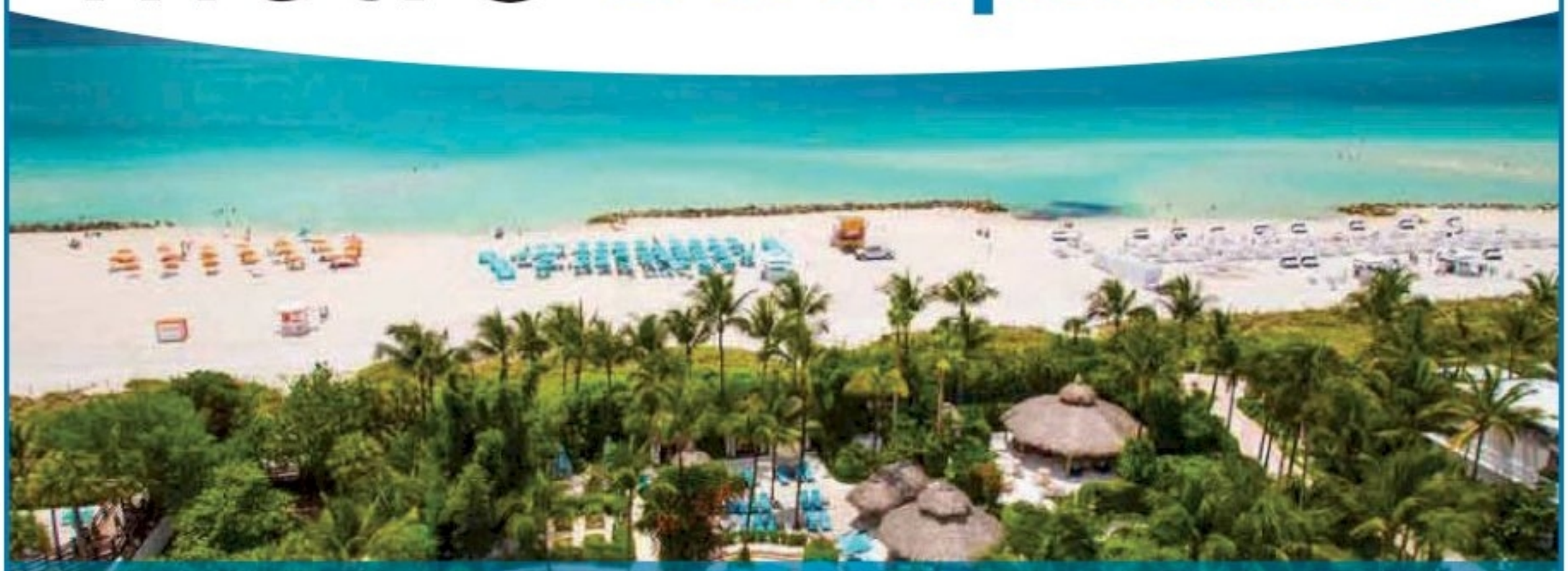

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Free-agency madness

The craziness of NBA free agency is just three days away.

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The glorious chaos of NBA free agency is just three days away and this year there is more mystery than ever for where some of the biggest stars in pro basketball will wind up.

Here we will handicap the teams with the most intriguing situations, predicting where the likes of Kevin Durant, Kyrie Irving, Jimmy Butler, Kemba Walker and many other big names will land.

Sixers

Keeping Butler, Tobias Harris and JJ Redick would mean the Sixers will exceed the salary cap and would put them in something of a financial hell in trying to round out a full roster. All signs point to Butler seriously testing the waters of free agency, and we project him going to the Nets with Kyrie Irving here.

It's much more likely that the Sixers retain Harris and Redick and see if that team (with Joel Embiid and Ben Simmons now entering their prime) can take an Eastern Conference that might not even have Kawhi Leonard as a resident anymore.

Projection: Sixers re-sign Tobias Harris, JJ Redick.

Knicks

The two franchises that were hurt most by the Kevin Durant injury in the Finals were obviously the Warriors and Knicks. Golden State, because it lost arguably the best player in the world in a do-or-die Game 5. New York, because the gruesome injury severely clouded the likelihood of Durant heading to Manhattan.

Durant-to-the-Knicks was being spoken of as a "done deal" by most of the top NBA media types, but now that Durant will likely miss the entire 2019-20 season, there is not much of a sense of urgency for him to change locales.

Durant declined his $31.5 million player option on Wednesday and became a free agent

One way or another, I gotta believe that Durant lands in New York this summer. He knows full well that the one thing that could separate him from the pack of all-time NBA greats is bringing a title to the long-suffering Knicks. It would make him an immortal not just in New York, but also put him right up there will Jordan and LeBron James in the discussion of greatest of all time.

As for the second (and potentially third) star to place next to Durant in New York, Knicks fans will likely have to wait. And that might not be the worst thing.

Durant can be in the fold of decision-making for a full year and next summer the Knicks can cash in all of their assets and money in the trade and free-agent markets.

Some of the current top free agents could again be available too (Kyrie?), as signing one-year deals has become en vogue in the NBA.

Projection: Knicks sign Kevin Durant.

Nets

The Nets must essentially choose between Kyrie Irving and D'Angelo Russell and it looks as though they'll go the Kyrie route as long as they're assured that someone else is coming with him.

Kyrie and fellow free agent Jimmy Butler have expressed mutual interest in playing with one another many times over the years and the Nets now have the cap room to sign both of them outright.

We could see a scenario here where Kyrie signs a one-year deal with the Nets, to leave his options open for next summer (a jump to the Knicks to join Durant?). Kyrie recently signed with Roc Nation, which orchestrated all of those year-to-year deals Durant had with Golden State.

Meanwhile, expect Russell to land with the Suns or possibly even return to the Lakers in restricted free agency.

Projection: Nets sign Kyrie Irving and Jimmy Butler.

Celtics

The New York Times' Marc Stein reported Tuesday that the Celtics are "a stealth suitor" for Kemba Walker to essentially replace Kyrie Irving in free agency.

This would be an absolute coup for Danny Ainge.

The issue here is that Walker is one loyal cat, and has already stated that he would be willing to take less money to stay in Charlotte to help build a winner there.

Not many people would have the cojones to tell [Hornets owner] Michael Jordan that they're turning their back on him. I mean, who wants to let Michael F'n Jordan down?!

So Ainge would have to do one hell of a pitch job.

It's much more likely that the Celtics look to sign a couple of middle-tier free agents with their newfound money. There have been rumblings that the Celtics are looking at going after Bucks restricted free agent Malcolm Brogdon (which would both injure the rival Bucks and help Boston), and they could also target a player like Kevon Looney or Julius Randle.

Another wild card here is free agent DeMarcus Cousins. Cousins' value is way down after an injury-plagued season with the Warriors.

Cousins was reportedly ready to sign with the Celtics in free agency last offseason before the Warriors came charging in, and Boogie could do two things by heading to Boston this offseason. He could potentially get more money with the Celtics than he would elsewhere (Ainge may be willing to overspend) to recover some of the money lost last year, and he would again be in the mix for a championship.

Keep in mind that Cousins and former Celtics star Isaiah Thomas are close, having played in Sacramento together. A reunion between Boston and "I.T." could come to fruition this summer as well.

Projection: Celtics sign Malcolm Brogdon, Kevon Looney.

Tobias Harris, left, and Jimmy Butler will be free agents come Sunday night. GETTY IMAGES

Quick hits

Projections on where other top NBA free agents will land this summer:

Kawhi Leonard: Clippers
Klay Thompson: Warriors
Kemba Walker: Hornets
Khris Middleton: Bucks
Nikola Vucevic: Magic
DeMarcus Cousins: Warriors
Al Horford: Clippers

HOME RUN-HAPPY MLB RUINING THE GAME

OPINION

JOE PANTORNO

I don't like to think I'm old-fashioned considering I'm three years shy of a 30th birthday. However, I'm finding myself in a curmudgeonly state every time I put on a baseball game.

And it has me feeling like the old guy yelling at everyone to get off his lawn.

Major League Baseball is gutting the game of its heart and soul — turning America's Pastime into nothing more than a home-run derby.

Blame it on the new, smoothed down, aerodynamic baseballs that many accuse of being "juiced," but home runs are continuing to leave the parks at a record pace in 2019.

Entering Wednesday night, the 30 teams of Major League Baseball have combined to hit a mind-numbing 3,185 home runs this season. On that current pace, we could see as many as 6,609 round-trippers hit this year. That destroys the MLB record of 6,105 hit in 2017.

The ball is simply flying out of the park in alarming fashions. Seeing guys go down and outside of the zone to "muscle" the ball over the wall has become commonplace. Contact that looks like nothing more than pop flies remarkably carries into the seats.

It's happening everywhere. Even in ballparks that were once considered pitcher friendly.

Just take a look at Citi Field, the home of the New York Mets which has often been a difficult place for hitters to sustain consistent power numbers.

Three years ago, we saw an average of 0.798 home runs per game, that number has jumped up to 0.968 home runs per game through three months of the 2019 season.

Mets fans though are going to tell you a trainwreck of a bullpen might have something to do with that.

Regardless, this all-or-nothing approach is starting to take some of the nuances out of the game.

I get why the league could be peddling this home-run-happy era. Popularity in the game continues to decrease compared to the NFL and NBA and mammoth home runs are always going to move the meter with sports fans.

Fans on social media are likely going to stop and watch an earth-shattering Mike Trout blast than a gapper down the line by Nick Castellanos. A number of you probably don't even know where Nick Castellanos plays.

Hence my point.

On a more important level, I feel as though the premise of small ball is going to be lost upon the younger generation of players.

A majority of big-bopping sides are still going to meet their downfall in the playoffs when they run into good pitching. That's why small ball is so important.

Managers need to ensure that their players can hit the ball to the right side to move a baserunner from second base to third. A borderline power hitter has to be willing to lay down a sacrifice bunt to move runners into scoring position.

A batter behind the count should know to shorten up their swing when behind the count, flicking the ball the other way to scratch out a single rather than add another strikeout to the ledger.

All these home runs are making Major League Baseball a one-dimensional game.

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Despite all the big flies, scoring is down. We are seeing teams score an average of 4.79 runs per game in 2019. Since 1900, there have been 25 seasons in which teams are averaging more runs per game.

Strikeouts continue to rise at an alarming pace at 8.71 K's per game, the most in league history, while the league's average on-base percentage is at an anemic .322. There have been only 50 MLB seasons since 1871 to see lower on-base percentages.

This all-or-nothing approach might be good enough for those new-age fans, which will be good enough for Major League Baseball. I get that. It's 2019 and the game needs a facelift.

However, there is going to be a faction of fans that long for the days of opposite-field gappers, well-timed sacrifices, and perfected hit-and-runs.

The numbers show that it could result in more runs, anyway. So consider me a member of that faction as I long for the days of doubles to left and triples to right.

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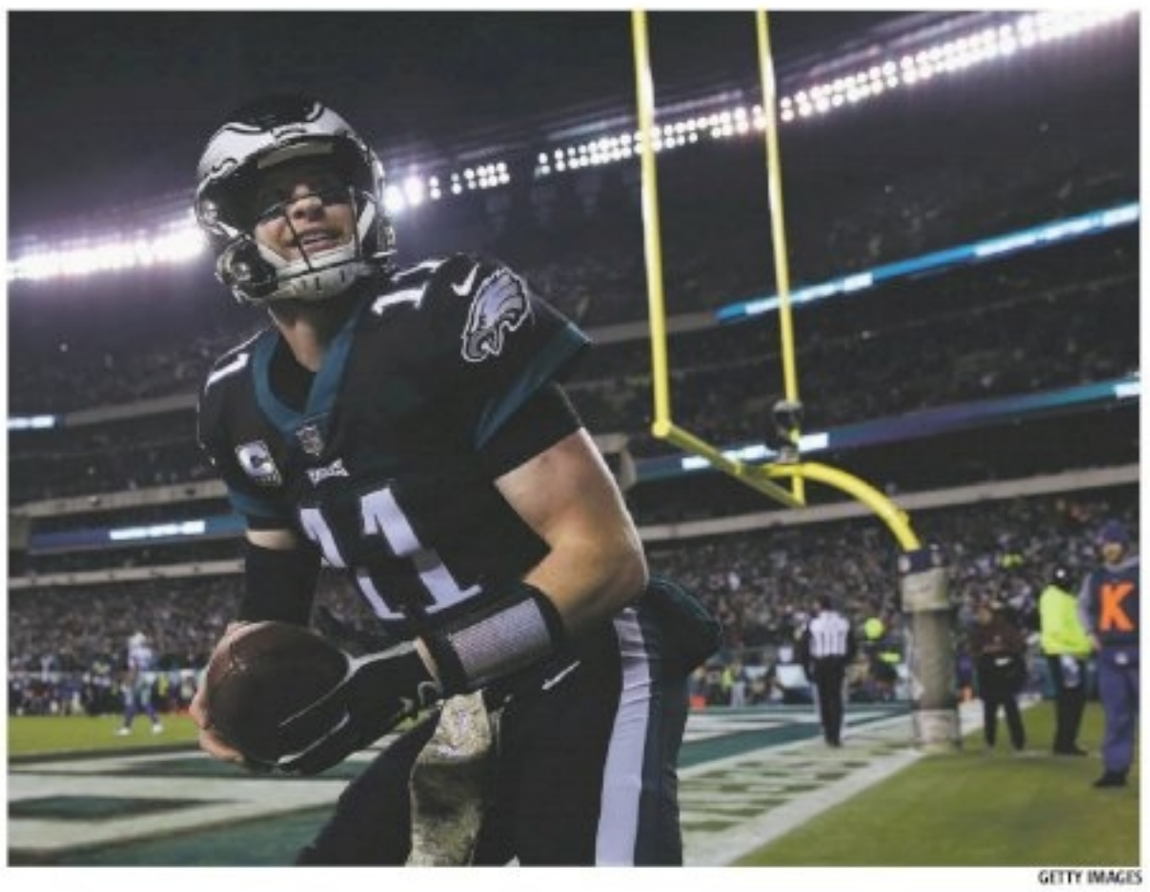

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- Which player will score first?

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- How many receiving yards will Alshon Jeffery have in the game?

There are also wacky prop bets that are often available, particularly when it comes to big events like the Super Bowl. Here are some examples:

- Will the coin toss be heads or tails?

- Jersey number of player to score first touchdown

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- Will there be a lead change in the fourth quarter?

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Phillies vs. Mets game pick

Mets starter Zack Wheeler (6-5, 4.69 ERA) and Phillies counterpart Aaron Nola (6-2, 4.55 ERA) are both looking to build on solid last-out efforts in an otherwise shaky 2019. The visitors might just pull off the upset in the Thursday afternoon series finale at Citizens Bank Park.

Wheeler limited the Cubs to one earned run on five hits in seven innings at Wrigley Field last Saturday. Some of his best work this year has been against the Phillies; in two starts (14 innings), Wheeler has pitched to a 1.93 ERA and .200 opponent batting average. Philly right fielder Bryce Harper and first baseman Rhys Hoskins are a combined 6-for-43 (.140) all-time against Wheeler with just one home run between them.

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Nola's last outing was a gem, as he let up just one earned run in eight innings of work. However, it was against the Marlins' weak lineup. The Mets chased Nola after he allowed five runs through four innings on April 15.

The play: Mets moneyline

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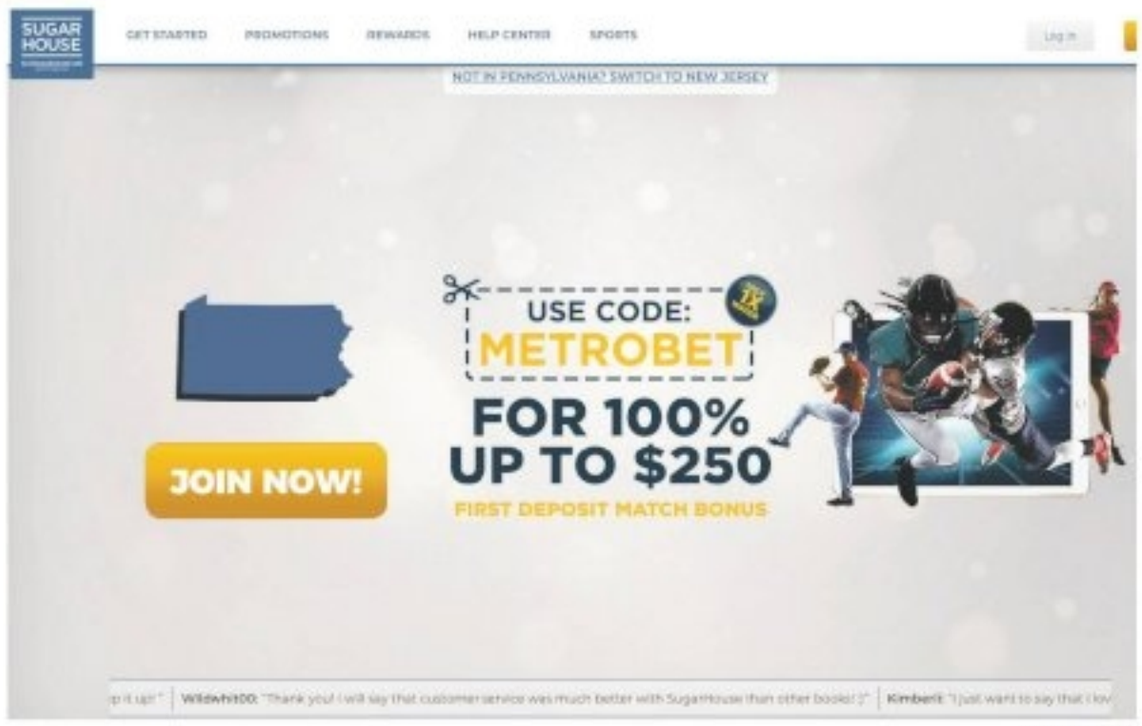

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8:30 pm	**MLB Baseball** LA Dodgers at Colorado Rockies	MLB Network

MLB best bets: Nationals at Marlins

MetroBet takes a glance at one of the more bet-friendly games on the MLB slate for Thursday.

Bettors should have no qualms giving up significant juice to back the Nationals on Thursday as Stephen Strasburg (8-4, 3.79 ERA) takes the hill against Sandy Alcantara (4-6, 3.51 ERA) and the Marlins.

Strasburg has been much better on the road this year than at home, pitching to a 2.92 ERA compared to a 4.71 ERA at Nationals Park. Opponents are batting a measly .199 against Strasburg in away games, which contrasts sharply with his .243 opponent batting average at home. The California native has already made one start in Miami this year, suffocating the Marlins to the tune of zero earned runs on two hits in eight innings. Third baseman Brian Anderson, second baseman Starlin Castro and outfielder Curtis Granderson are a combined 6-for-51 (.118) all-time against Strasburg.

Alcantara was roughed up in his most recent start against Washington, conceding four earned runs over five innings on May 25. His sub-par strikeout rate (6.4 per nine innings) plays right into the Nats' hands.

The play: Nationals -190

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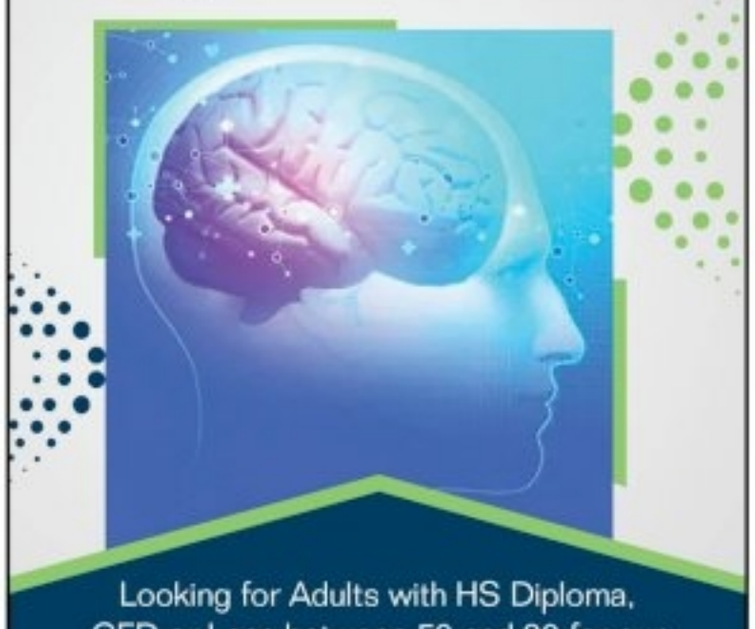

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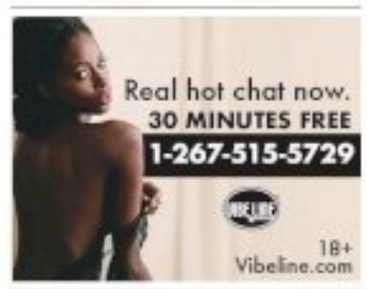

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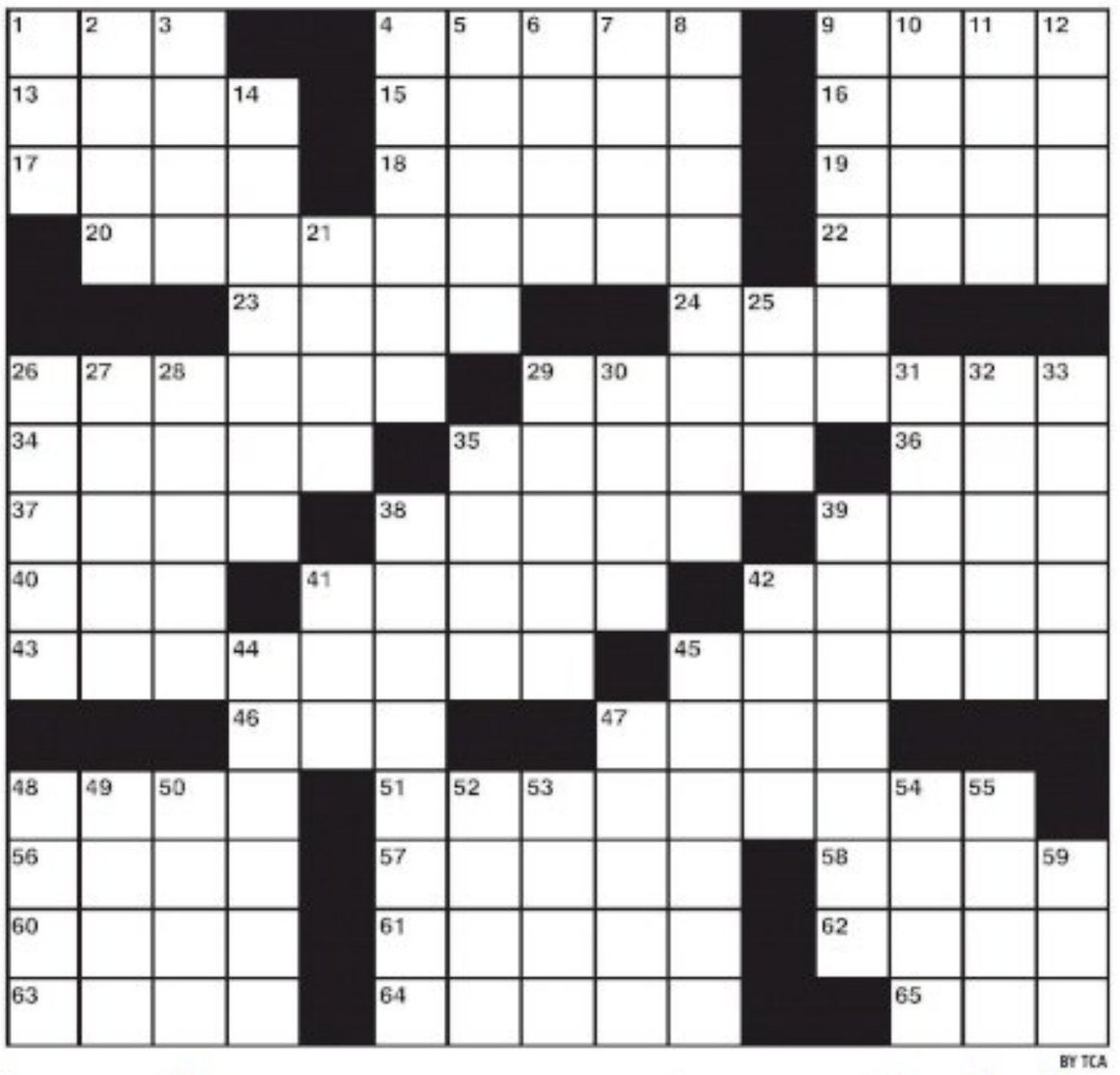

ACROSS
1 Tic-__-toe
4 Part of a golf club
9 __ market; swap meet
13 Lubricates
15 "__, Dolly!"
16 Outdoor banquet
17 Horse's gait
18 Role on "M.A.S.H."
19 College study
20 Upper
22 Part of a three-piece suit
23 Captures
24 Knot-tying words
26 Soldier's casual wear
29 Put up with
34 Went wild
35 Small ducks
36 Massage
37 __ the moon; elated
38 Screwdriver ingredient
39 Gray wolf
40 Prefix for profit or sense
41 Loses hair
42 Ladies
43 In reality
45 Pet bird
46 Plato's "T"
47 Sharp taste
48 Fissure; split
51 __ to; as reported by
56 Up to the task
57 Cruel man
58 "All You __ Is Love"; Beatles hit
60 __ at; taunt
61 Moving gracefully
62 Fence opening
63 Wood splitters
64 Jed Clampett's portrayer
65 Like sushi seafood

DOWN
1 Little child
2 Haughtiness
3 Blood __; thrombus
4 Bushes
5 Makes well
6 Actor Alan
7 French pastry
8 Burrito maker's need
9 Taste
10 Tempt
11 Dines
12 Vienna's nation: abbr.
14 Angry skunk
21 Motel employee
25 __ Moines
26 Sweden's currency
27 Chaos
28 FBI operative
29 Child's bear
30 White __; Maryland's state trees
31 Fragrance
32 Potato or yam
33 Blackish wood
35 Bridge-crosser's fee
38 Worth a lot
39 Yearning
41 Ewe's cry
42 Magician's stick
44 Says
45 Lurch out of control
47 Take __ cleaners; leave penniless
48 Rani's husband
49 Wild goat
50 Escape
52 Nursery bed
53 Severs
54 Close
55 "__ grip!"; cry to the hysterical
59 Mountain __; soft drink

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